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SUBJ: PENNSYLVANIA BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

REF: STATE 244943 OF DEC. 17, 1973; TEHRAN 0800 OF JAN. 29, 1974

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY OFFICE OF SENATOR MUSTAFA MESBAHZADEH, PUBLISHER OF KAYHAN CHAIN OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES. MESBAHZADEH AND FORMER IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JALAL ABDOH, NOW PRESIDENT OF IRANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR UNITED NATIONS, HAD BEEN INVITED AS IRANIAN PARTICIPANTS IN CONGRESS OF WORLD UNITY TO BE HELD IN PHILADELPHIA IN JULY, 1976 IN CONNECTION WITH BICENTENNIAL. PURPOSE OF CONGRESS IS TO PROMULGATE A NEW CHAPTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS. CONGRESS WAS CO-SPONSORED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION AND AN ORGANIZATION CALLED WORLD UNITED, INC.

2. MESBAHZADEH AND ABDOH AGREED TO TAKE PART BUT SOME MONTHS AGO BEGAN TO BE AWARE THAT DIFFERENCES WERE ARISING BETWEEN THE CO-SPONSORS. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY EVIDENT TO THEM WHEN A REGIONAL PLANNING SESSION WHICH THEY WERE TO ATTEND IN INDIA WAS CANCELLED.

3. NOW THEY HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER DATED JULY 25 FROM LIEUT. GOV. ERNEST KLINE OF PENNSYLVANIA INFORMING THEM THAT THE STATE HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW ITS SUPPORT FROM THE CONGRESS DUE TO PROBLEMS OF QUOTE LOGISTICS AND PERSONNEL UNQUOTE. ON HEELS OF THAT LETTER ONE ARRIVED DATED AUGUST 15 FROM GUY MERVEILLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESS ON CONGRESS LETTERHEAD WITH ADDRESS OF 1500 LOCUST STREET, PHILADELPHIA, STATING THAT CONGRESS WOULD STILL BE HELD AND RENEWING INVITATION.

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4. IN VIEW OF APPARENT SPLIT BETWEEN CONGRESS CO-SPONSORS AND  
WITHDRAWAL OF COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, SENATOR MESBAHZADEH  
IS SEEKING EMBASSY'S GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD PLAN TO  
PARTICIPATE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER BACKGROUND  
DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ON SITUATION AND DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.  
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